

ABSTRACTA METHOD, TOOL AND SYSTEM FOR INCREASING THE EFFICIENCY OF A
DESIGN PROCESS

5 The invention relates to a method, tool and system for increasing the efficiency of a design process, particularly the capture and reuse of rationale behind design decisions.

10 A tool having an interactive graph editor is used to capture a first design rationale of a first design project, the first design rationale containing data on at least one design issue and a processing means allows the first design rationale to be identified when the at least one design issue is encountered on a second design project.

 A computer and program are also described and these may be used as part of a system.

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(Figure 5 accompanies the Abstract)